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THE LATE SALES.

The sale of May 7th by Bangs, Merwin & Co., of New York, consisted of 469 lots of coins and medals, which were for the most part American.

Some of the principal pieces sold as follows:

1788 Massachusetts Half Cent, all but uncirculated.	\$ 3 00
1856 Dollar, beautiful proof.	11 50
“ Nickel Cent, proof.	3 25
1865 Dollar, Half and Quarter, pattern, for set.	37 50
Full set of new Siam coins, very fine, six pieces.	9 50
1791 Small Eagle Washington Cent, fair.	4 00
1794 Dollar, with one exception, one of the best that has been offered at auction for some years, good.	66 50
1843 Half Cent, proof impression.	6 00
1872 “ Commercial Dollar,” beautiful proof, only six struck, 125 00	
1835 De La Plata Dollar, fine.	3 62

The Stenz collection was the largest ever sold at public auction in America; it comprised 3,849 lots of coins and medals, and the sale (by Geo. A. Leavitt & Co., of New York) continued through the afternoons of May 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22.

We noticed many very desirable U. S. pieces, but the coins of the German States formed the principal feature of the collection. The principal sale in the U. S. series was that of a remarkably fine “ninety-nine,” which sold for \$25.00, about the cheapest piece in the whole sale. An 1804 (?) dollar in good condition was sold for \$3.75. Regarding its genuineness, there has been considerable doubt, and we ourselves are inclined to think that it is not a genuine 1804; its selling price is a good certificate of its character. As in the Gay sale many of the pieces were highly over-rated, and bidders not present at the sale, having experienced the misrepresentations of the Gay sale, made allowances for the descriptions of the coins, and sent in their bids accordingly.

Many of the gold and silver pieces sold for less than their intrinsic value. Some of the distinguished collectors of Europe had taken part in the forming of this collection, and at the time of the sale it was owned by Mr. Geo. Stenz, of Hanover, Germany.

We list a few of the principal pieces, and describe them as in the catalogue:

Cuthred (king of Kent A. D. 794), silver penny, extra fine.	\$ 4 50
Burgred silver penny splendid.	2 63
Aethelred, A. D. 978, silver penny, splendid.	3 75
Hardi Canute, A. D. 1040, silver penny, splendid.	4 50
Ifars II. (Irish), A. D. 993, silver penny, very fine.	3 75
Wigmund (Archbishop of York), silver penny, splendid.	3 25
Richard I., A. D. 1189, silver penny, fine.	3 75
Edward VI., Crown, dated 1551, fine.	8 50
Mary (of Scotland), silver Royal, fine.	5 50
James VI. (of Scotland), XXX Shilling piece, very fine.	5 00
James I. (of England), Crown, extremely fine.	10 00
Charles I., Pound piece of 1644, fine.	70 00
Cromwell Crown, rare variety, nearly uncirculated.	11 00
Cromwell small oval medallion, without reverse, commemorating the battle of Dunbar, size about 13x18, very interesting, silver.	8 50
Anna Crown, “Vigo” under-bust, uncirculated.	6 50
Bank of England Token, fine Shilling and sixpence, 1811, brilliant proof.	5 00
Geo. IV. Crown, 1826, splendid proof impression.	9 50
Geo. IV, Five Guinea piece, splendid proof.	36 00
Copper medal, Conquest of Canada completed, tarnished proof, size 28.	10 50
Silver medal, Anna, proof, size 30.	6 00

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Charles the Great(Charlemagne), Solidus, extremely fine.....	\$ 7 00
Bronze Medal Louis XVIII. one of the most magnificent ever made, size 80.....	20 00
Peter the Great, Crown, 1682— 1725, extremely fine.....	7 75
Silver medal, Sobieski and wife, very beautiful, size 30.....	11 00
1797 Eagle, small eagle reverse, very good.....	20 00
Oregon Exchange Company, "130 grams Native Gold, 5 D.," fine.....	10 25
Pike's Peak Gold, ten D., very good.....	15 00
1795 Dollar, Fillet, very fine....	7 75
1796 " extremely fine.....	10 50
1799 " 5 stars facing, good..	4 50
1803 " uncirculated.....	19 00
1836 " pattern piece, a little circulated.....	4 50
1794 Half Dollar, a little circu- lated, unusually fine.....	4 25
1803 Half Dollar, nearly un- circulated.....	5 75
1873 Half Dollar, brilliant proof,	3 25
1804 Quarter Dollar, extremely fine.....	15 00
1806 Quarter Dollar, very fine..	10 00
1796 Dime, extremely fine.....	7 00
1803 " " ".....	39 00
1796 Half Dime, uncirculated...	18 00
1803 " " extremely fine.....	16 00
1793 Cent, Liberty cap, head much rubbed.....	7 75
1793 Cent, Liberty and date small, good.....	4 75
1794 Cent, uncirculated, as fine as any known.....	15 75
1795 Cent, plain edge, "one cent," high in circle, nearly un- circulated.....	3 75
1801 Cent, uncirculated.....	12 00
1804 " Broken Die, very good.....	7 00
1795 Half Cent, "two hundred for a dollar" on edge, nearly uncirculated.....	6 50
1797 Half Cent, very fine, for date.....	3 12
1652 Pine Tree Shilling, quite uncirculated.....	11 00
Kentucky Cent, edge engrailed, uncirculated.....	5 75

1776 Continental Currency, tin uncirculated.....	\$ 5 00
Bronze Medal, West Virginia 1861—1865, Liberty crowning Valor, size 24.....	12 00
Frederick II. (of Denmark), Crown of 15—72, fine.....	8 00
Gustavus (of Sweden) Crown, dated 1544, extremely fine....	11 00
Frederick II. (of Hesse) Half Thaler, 1776, struck from silver received from England for the services of Hessian soldiers during the American war, called "subsidy money," uncirculated.....	20 00
John George I. (of Saxony) Double Dollar in commemora- tion of the first centennial festival of the Augsburg con- fession, 1530—1630, uncircu- lated and brilliant.....	14 00
Andrew Jackson Medal, tin, silver plated, uncirculated size 24.....	35 00
Bismarck Medal, Relating to the Franco-Prussian war, a very beautiful pr of in dark bronze, size 32.....	7 00
Ulrich, Duke of Wurtemberg, a fine Crown, dated 1507.....	7 00
Maximillian I. Double Crown, 1509, uncirculated, size 36....	12 50
Ferdinand Charles, Arch Duke, Aus. Duke of Burg, Count of Tyrol, 1662, beautiful uncircu- lated Doubl Crown.....	7 00
Silver Medal, Reformation, struck to commemorate the first centennial jubilee, 1617, extremely fine, size 20.....	12 00
Silver Medal, Martin Luther; obv., bust of Luther, rev., bust of Huss, extremely fine, size 28	23 00
Blucher - Wellington Medal, magnificent proof in silver, size 24.....	7 00
Double Fred. d'Or. Fred. Wil- liam, 1737.....	8 50
Double Moidore, "Petrus II.", Brazil, 1851.....	11 00
Ferdinand II. (City of Dort- mund) 1638, Ducat, well preserved.....	10 00
Munster, Crown of John of Ley- den, extremely fine, and ac- knowledgeed to be of the high- est rarity, size 32.....	28 00
Eisenach, in Grand Duchy of Weimar, where Dr. Luther was confined. Medal in com- memoration of events in Luther's life, nearly proof, size 28.....	29 00

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NUMISMA.

UNLIKE our other silver coins, the new twenty-cent piece has a smooth edge.

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THE Mecklenburg Centennial Medals are about the size and weight of a half dollar. They have been struck in silver and bronze. The obverse has the cap of liberty hanging to a limb at the top of North Carolina's famous tree, while suspended from a neighboring twig is the now symbolic hornets' nest, near the entrance to which hover the mythical number of seven hornets acting as sentinels to give swift and sudden alarm should any profane hand attempt to approach or touch the sacred emblem of our nation's liberty. Below are the clasped hands, used as emblems, in all ages, of friendship and fraternity. These hands are intended to typify the unity of the Southern and Northern States under one common government and flag. Over the first hand are the figures "1775," and over the second "1875." The reverse has the Mecklenburg date "20 May, 1775" enclosed as it stands in the centre in bold modern lettering, by a paralleled circle. Outside of this runs the legend, also in modern character. "Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence." A heavy milled border completes the face, as it does also the obverse.

FOR cleaning brass coins (brass as distinct from copper) use ammonia (common spirits of hartshorn) two parts, prepared chalk one part, by weight. Place them in a phial together; shake well when used. Wash the coin, rubbing it hard with flannel, and clean off quickly with water; then polish with dry flannel. Clean silver coins with soap and water and a soft brush. Never touch acid to silver or copper coins, unless very cautiously. Clean copper coins with soap and water, and then polish them with powdered soap-stone on flannel. Never wash a copper coin to give it a bright copper color. The result will be to show all the scratches and bruises on the coin. It is better to leave the dark color untouched, and the soap-stone will almost bronze it. Do not touch ammonia or acid to a copper coin.

JULY CATALOGUE OF COINS AND MEDALS FOR SALE BY GEO. A. DILLINGHAM, TITUSVILLE, PA.

	PRICE.
1793 Cent, almost fair.....	\$1 50
1797 " good.....	1 00
1800 " ".....	1 00
1802 " extra good.....	1 25
1803 " ".....	1 25
1805 " fair.....	70
1806 " poor.....	55
1807 " good.....	25
1809 " " fine date.....	1 75
1814 " fair.....	20
1819 " extra good.....	50
1825 " good.....	35
1828 " ".....	35
1829 " very good.....	50
1830 " ".....	50
1832 " ".....	30
1833 " good.....	25
1834 " very good.....	30
1839 " Booby, good.....	20
1840 " large date, very good.....	35
1840 " small " good.....	25
1841 " very good.....	70
1842 " ".....	50
1847 " fair.....	10
1852 " extra good.....	20
1853 " almost fine.....	20
1857 " nickel, uncirculated..	25
1858 " ".....	25
1860 " ".....	25
1861 " ".....	25
1875 Twenty-cent coin, nearly proof.....	40
Upper Canada Pennies, 1850, '52 and '57, fine, each.....	15
Upper Canada Half Penny, 1852, uncirculated.....	20
Upper Canada Half Penny, Nova Scotia Head, good.....	1 00
Bank of Montreal Half Penny, 1842, fine.....	10
Canada Cent, 1859, uncirculated..	10
Jh. Roy, Montreal, Un Sou, good..	1 25
Commonwealth Shilling, fair....	2 25
Cromwell Shilling, very fine, 1657.	14 00
William IV. Penny, fine, 1831....	25
Victoria Penny, fine, 1844.....	15
" Half Penny, fine, 1853..	10
William, Duke of Cumberland, Brass Medal, Battle of Culloden, fair, size 22.....	60
Chinese Silver piece, rectangular.	75
Spanish Medalet, Copper, 1598, good.....	75
Danish America 24 Skilling, 1763, fair.....	60
John V. (Saxony) one N. Groschen, 1871, fine.....	10
Set of eight bronze medals of Louis XIV., all fine, about size 30	7 00

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	PRICE.
Copper Medal, Charles IX., good, size 21.....	\$ 30
Bronze Medal, Flaxman, good, size 40.....	1 00
1871 Five Cent Nickel,...10 and	.15
1863 Three Cent Silver, proof..	.60
1870 do do do do....	.30
1873 do do do do....	1.25
1874 do do Nickel, do ..	.10
1870 Two do Uncirculated..	.10
1872 do do proof.....	.35
1873 1, 2, 3 and 5 cent pieces, proof, Cents 1862 to 1874 Inclusive, Uncirculated, each.....	1.50 .10
ROMAN BRONZE COINS, A. D.	
Trajan (97), good, 2nd.....	50
Lucilla (147), fair ".....	1 00
Antoninus Pius (150), fine, 2nd..	50
Julia Mamaea (220), " 1st... I	10
Gallienus (253), Alexandria Mint, Copper, very good.....	50
Tacitus (275), fine, 3rd.....	25
Probus (276), Alexandria Mint, Copper, very good.....	35
Diocletian (284), extra good, 3rd.	35
Constantius I. (305), fine, 2nd...	25
Lucinius (307), extra good, 3rd..	25
FINE MEDALS.	
Huskisson, bronze, 40.....	1 00
Alexander Herzen, bronze, 32....	1 00
"We All Have Our Hobbies", small brass.....	25
Washington, com. res. W. M., 29...	1 00
Wesley, 1866, W. M., 32.....	75
Independence Hall, rev. Bell W. M., 24.....	25
Centennial Art. Gallery, W. M., 27.....	50
Centennial. Genii of American Independence and Liberty, bronze, 36.....	2 00

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